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METHODS AND SYSTEMS

FOR DETERMINING ROLL

RATES OF LOANS

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

1. (once amended) A method for determining roll rates for a group of loans, said method comprising the steps of:

generating delinquency moving matrices for the group of loans;

calculating a probability that an event will occur impacting payment of at least one account within the group of loans; and

predicting a roll rate into a next level of delinquency based upon a payment history of each account in the group of loans and based upon the calculated event probability.

4. (once amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of predicting a roll rate into a next level of delinquency further comprises the step of analyzing accounts that roll forward into a next period of delinquency, due to non-payment.

6. (once amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of predicting a roll rate into a next level of delinquency further comprises the step of analyzing accounts that roll back one or more periods of delinquency, due to extra received payment.

9 13 7. (once amended) A system for determining a roll rate of a loan portfolio, said system comprising:

at least one computer;

a server configured with a roll rate determination model, said server configured to:

generate delinquency moving matrices;

calculate a probability that an event will occur impacting payment of at least one account within a group of loans; and

predict which accounts will roll forward into a next classification of delinquency based upon a payment history of each account in the group of loans and based upon the calculated event probability; and

a network connecting said computer to said server.

10. (once amended) A system according to Claim 7 wherein said server is configured to analyze the accounts that roll forward into a next period of delinquency, due to non-payment.

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- 11. (once amended) A system according to Claim 10 wherein said server is configured to calculate a delinquency value that has increased from a first period to a second period for the accounts that roll forward into the next period of delinquency.
- 12. (once amended) A system according to Claim 7 wherein said server is configured to analyze the accounts that roll back one or more periods of delinquency, due to extra received payment.
- 13. (once amended) A system according to Claim 7 wherein said server is configured to predict the accounts that will roll forward into an n-month delinquency, wherein n is an integer

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greater than zero and represents a number of months for which one of the customers has been delinquent in making a payment.

15. (once amended) A computer for determining a roll rate of a loan portfolio, said computer programmed to:

generate delinquency moving matrices;

calculate a probability that an event will occur impacting payment of at least one account within a group of loans; and

predict which accounts will roll forward into a next classification of delinquency based upon a payment history of each account in the group of loans and based upon the calculated event probability.

- 18. (once amended) A computer according to Claim 15 wherein said computer is programmed to analyze the accounts that roll forward into a next period of delinquency, due to non-payment.
- 19. (once amended) A computer according to Claim 18 wherein said computer is programmed to calculate a delinquency value that has increased from a first period to a second period for the accounts that roll forward into a next period of delinquency.
- 20. (once amended) A computer according to Claim 15 wherein said computer is programmed to analyze the accounts that roll back one or more periods of delinquency, due to extra received payment.
- 21. (once amended) A computer according to Claim 15 wherein said computer is programmed to predict the accounts that will roll forward into an n-month delinquency, wherein n is an integer greater than zero and represents a number of months for which one of the customers has been delinquent in making a payment.

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